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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 125080	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/001945		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE February 19, 2004	
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TITLE OF INVENTION IMMOBILIZING METHOD, IMMOBILIZATION APPARATUS, AND MICROSTRUCTURE MANUFACTURING METHOD			
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Akihiko TANIOKA et al.			
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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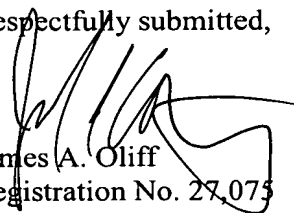
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of one or more non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification. See References 7, 10, 11, 15, 16.
- ☒ 3. One or more reference cited herein was cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. See References 5-9 & 12-14.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 5. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See References 5 & 7-10.
- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 5 & 7-10.

- ☒ 7. Please note: Reference 1 corresponds to Reference 5.
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Reference 4 corresponds to Reference 9.

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